

FIRE FOCUS

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ICC SAYS YES TO RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER CODE ADOPTION

The International Code Council by a vote of 7 to 4 has kept the residential sprinkler requirement in the International Residential Code. The fire sprinkler provision was made part of the code development process in 2008.

This will more than likely mean that the provision will appear in the next edition of the IRC, scheduled to become effective January 1, 2011.

"This is an important vote for fire safety, for residents and for firefighters in our state," said Lawrence Petrillo, State Fire Marshal and Director of the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

The vote came as a result of a petition to remove the provision by the National Homebuilders Association, who had opposed the requirement affecting all new construction of single family homes and townhouses.



Nationwide 2007

- 414,000 residential fires
- 2,895 civilian fire deaths
- 14,000 civilian fire injuries
- 7.5 billion in property damage

For more information:

www.IRCFireSprinkler.org

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NJDFS REVAMPS TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION COMPONENTS



An impressive array of training materials and teaching aids mark the rollout of a revamped training and certification program.

Over the past year there has been a burst of energy to streamline and re-engineer many of our fire service training and credentialing systems used in New Jersey. Not only are we moving forward to comply with established national firefighting and emergency management guidelines, we are leading in many other training initiatives. During 2009 the Division of Fire Safety adopted new Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2 and Fire Inspector instructional programs and credentialing criteria. We anticipate that adoption of new Fire Instructor 1, Fire Instructor 2 and Drill Ground Instructor credentialing programs will be published in the November 16th NJ Register. The Division will be providing a roll-out approach to these training initiatives through Train-the-Trainer deliveries to eligible training organizations throughout the state. The Office of Training and Certification has recently received revised training materials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding ICS Position Specific training. Look for an incremental offering of these new ICS programs within the next year. We are anticipating that the State will be realigning the content of our Fire Officer 1 and 2 credentialing programs. Additionally there has been significant progress in developing Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) courses to recommended guidelines, and the Division has updated its nationally approved Terrorism Awareness for Fire Inspectors and Code Official program. A newly developed State training program titled Terrorism Awareness for Fire/EMS has been recently released in cooperation with the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and the Department of Health.

"We listened to you on web-based registration!"
Kent Neiswender, Supervisor
Training and Certification

As you can see through this brief description, the Division of Fire Safety and its training partners are moving to meet your training needs across a broad spectrum of training challenges.

Web-Based Registration: We listened to you! Four years ago we introduced continuing education web-based registration through the NJ-Portal, which permitted the NJ fire service to log-on the web at anytime and check on their certifications, programs completed, register into seminars, and print certificates on demand. This is a seamless process that is accessible 24/7 through your Internet provider. We are proud to announce that 44% of those registered into our courses did so through this new Division initiative. Directions are printed in our brochure to assist you to "log on" to our system, get connected to your training records and start using our "user friendly" registration program.

Kean University: Our partnership with Kean University has proven to be very successful with new course offerings, enhanced brochures and additional staff to assist our program deliveries administered through the Division of Fire Safety. Kean University has also assisted the Division with conducting many Homeland Security and Fire Safety conferences. I'm sure you have noticed and are pleased with our "new look" to our programs and training materials. Due to the more recent economic challenges the State was forced to

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change its Training Brochure distribution approach. Printing has been eliminated in favor of a more "paperless" and eco-friendly approach to distribute the Training Brochure. The brochure is now accessible from both the Division's and Kean's websites to view and print. This electronic publishing approach has led to benefits to the NJ fire service to access the brochure anytime and from any location by simply connecting to the Internet. You can even access the brochure from your cell phone! You now have immediate access to driving directions to any of our training locations! The driving directions are located in the back of our brochure.

Firefighter 1 & 2: Over the summer, New Jersey has formally adopted a new Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 credentialing programs published by Jones and Bartlett Publishers. The title of the program is "Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills, Second Edition (NJ Edition), which provides student textbooks and workbooks; instructional resource materials, skills and drills DVD series, practice exam, and a blended learning internet component which will bring new instructional and learning opportunities to the fire service. This program has been significantly enhanced and updated to the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) 1001 Standard, 2008 Edition. This change was initiated to bring our 135 hour program in compliance with current nationally accepted fire service training and practices. Another equally important issue we addressed at the State level was to require all Firefighter 1 and 2 programs to use "one" training program for each level, using the adopted student and instructional materials. Recently, Train-the-Trainer sessions have been successfully delivered to county and local fire academy lead trainers. We are pleased to report that we are truly on the same page with these training programs. All final State exams will be validated not only to the adopted NFPA Standard, but also to the adopted textbook. Clearly another benefit for the students is that all Firefighter 1 recruit students are provided a "free" textbook and workbook



courtesy of the Division of Fire Safety. In today's economy, purchasing textbooks in bulk and incorporating a State competitive process has resulted in significant cost savings to the NJ fire service. This initiative provides each student with identical training materials, and moves to incorporate a blended learning approach to engage the next generation of firefighter.

Firefighter 2 challenge exams are now available through your county and local fire academies. Individuals wishing to obtain a State Firefighter 2 certification must successfully pass the State Firefighter 2 written exam and meet the adopted certification requirements to be credentialed by the Division. Prerequisites to take the exam include: must have completed a Firefighter 2 course or have completed five years of structural firefighting experience. Please note that junior firefighting time does not count towards meeting the fire year firefighting experience requirement. Firefighter 2 candidates have three opportunities to pass the State Firefighter 2 written exam. If an individual fails the Firefighter 2 written exam upon the third attempt, they will be required to complete the new Firefighter 2 course of instruction to obtain a State Firefighter 2 certification.

Fire Instructor 1 & 2: On November 16, 2009 the Division intends to introduce proposed Rules that would adopt the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 7th Edition" training programs for Fire Instructor 1 and 2 credentialing. The programs will be 30-hours each and will meet the NFPA 1041 Standard. This change in certification programs will condense the current "General Safety", "SCBA/Smokehouse" and "Live Burn" courses into a new one-day program titled "Drill Ground Instructor". Final details are still being developed; however, this new certificate program will actually replace the "SCBA/Smokehouse" and "Live Burn" certificate programs. Previously issued SCBA and Live Burn course completion certificates will be valid to submit for equivalency for a one year period from the effective date of the Rule adoption. The Fire Instructor 1 and 2 programs adopted will both incorporate the educational methodology requirements (16 hours for Level 1 and 40 hours for Level

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2), and will be designed to offer the State administered final exam at the conclusion of the Instructor programs. The exam is now designed to include both fire service instructor and educational methodology questions.

Fire Officer 1-2-3-4: On July 5, 2005 New Jersey officially adopted the Delmar Thomson Learning, "Company Officer", 2nd Edition" program as the Fire Officer 1 and 2 training program/publication. Each program is 50 hours and meets the NFPA 1021 Standard. All Fire Officer 1 and 2 programs seeking State sanctioning are required to use these training programs and additional content in tactics and building construction. The Division will administer the State final written exams at the conclusion of each program. Unlike the Firefighter recruit training program the fire officer course participants will be responsible for the purchase of their textbooks and study guides. It should be noted that the Fire Officer 1-4 programs and certifications are voluntary. The Division does not foresee a change to the voluntary credentialing of the Fire Officer programs.

You may say "What about grandfathering?" There has been much discussion about this topic. The Fire Safety Commission and its Training and Education Advisory Council have taken the position that "grandfathering" will not be used to issue Fire Officer certification's solely on the basis of the individuals fire service credentials (e.g., educational and work experience). Lessons have been learned from prior "grandfathering" (e.g., Fire Instructors) that have highlighted deficiencies in the approach. Congratulations to those decision makers in their wisdom and fortitude to make the Fire Officer certification uphold a higher standard. There will be three certification paths available to obtain a Fire Officer 1 certification.

The first path for an individual to successfully complete an approved 50 hour Fire Officer program, is to successfully pass the State written exam, possess Firefighter 1, IMS Level 1, and Hazmat: Operational certifications. The second certification path requires that the applicant show that they have completed three years experience as a suppression fire officer, and satisfactorily pass the State written exam. The third path is a one-time program initiative conducted through the Division of Fire Safety which creates a "challenge opportunity", whereby a current or past suppression fire officer can challenge the State written exam. Only the Fire Officer 1 examination can be challenged.

Each person will have one opportunity to pass the written exam. If the person fails the exam, they will be required to complete an approved Fire Officer program in its entirety, pass the State written exam, and meet any other criteria established within NJDFS Rules. It should be noted that all certification paths will require the successful passing of the State written exam. There will be no exceptions to passing the State written exam. The written exam has been validated to the NFPA 1021 Standard.



After the Fire Officer 1 certification the process is predictable. To obtain Fire Officer 2 the applicant will be required to hold Fire Officer 1 and IMS Level 2 certifications, complete a Fire Officer 2 program (Fire Officer 2 level) and pass the State written exam. Fire Officer 3 certification will require the applicant to hold Fire Officer 2 and Fire Instructor 1 certifications, complete a Division approved/sanctioned instructional program (Fire Officer 3 level), and pass a State written exam. Fire Officer 4 certification will require the individual to hold a Fire Officer 3 certification, complete a Division approved program of instruction (Fire Officer 4 level) and pass the State written exam. The Division is currently in the process of reviewing programs for both the Fire Officer 3 and 4 levels.

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Fire Inspector: NJ has officially adopted the International Fire Code (IFC), 2006 Edition (NJ Edition). Due to this adoption the Division has created a 92-hour Fire Inspector program to reflect the newly adopted Code and referenced standards. Individuals seeking credentialing will be required to complete the new program and pass the IFC Fire Inspector Exam administered through the International Code Council. This exam is a National exam which can lead to ICC national credentialing accepted by many other States. In this competitive job market today, this transferability provides additional value to our code officials.

Fire Official: This program is currently 30-hours, it has been developed to present the Administrative Code management requirements to effectively conduct code enforcement activities in a Local Enforcing Agency. This course is designed to follow the Fire Inspector program in series and is accepted towards issuance of a Fire Official certification. Many colleges will be expanding this program to fit a 45 hour semester schedule.

You may contact us at (609) 324-7563 if you have any questions regarding this article or your certifications.

By Kent Neiswender

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JUVENILE FIRESETTER CONFERENCE SET

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and the New Jersey Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators host the 2009 Juvenile Firesetter Conference, December 3rd and 4th at the Middlesex County Fire Academy.

The two day program is designed for fire service, law enforcement, social welfare and social service professionals to increase their awareness of issues arising out of juvenile firesetting pathologies, as well as, remedies arising out of intervention practice.

Former tri-state broadcast television personality and now health and safety lecturer **Dr. Frank Field** is scheduled to present "Fire Safety Outreach" on Friday, December 4th.

7th Annual Juvenile Firesetter Conference
December 3-4, 2009
Middlesex County Fire Academy
Sayreville, New Jersey



TWO DAY CONFERENCE FEE \$100

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal and the New Jersey Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, are pleased to announce that we will be co-sponsoring the 7th Annual Juvenile Firesetter Awareness and Intervention Conference. This conference will take place on December 3rd and 4th, 2009 at the Middlesex County Fire Academy in Sayreville, NJ. The fee to attend will be \$100.00 for the two-day event. For further information, please contact Program Coordinator Charles Luxton at the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, Office of the New Jersey State Fire Marshal, at cluxton@dca.state.nj.us.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DON PORTH, SOS FIRES, Damascus, OR

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WWW.SOSFIRES.COM
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WWW.KEANFIRESAFETY.COM

ALSO:

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"RITUAL CRIMES AND THE OCCULT"
MICHAEL MCLEIEER, Kalamazoo, MI
"JUVENILE FIRESETTER INTERVENTION SPECIALIST II."
Other speakers include:
TIMOTHY PATRICK O'DOWD, FEMA/NFA JFS Manager,
FRANK McGARRY, Senior Policy Manager, NASFM
SCOTT COHEN, Director of Prevention Ed, Burn Foundation, Philadelphia,
DR. ALAN FELDBERG, Abraxas Residential Treatment Center
SERGEANT PAUL ZIPPER, Ph.D., Massachusetts State Police.
Dr. FRANK FIELD, NBC, ABC & UPN Weather & Science Reporter, ret'd.
KIM MALONEY, D.C.B.H.S. Liaison to Juvenile Detention Centers
SGT. WILLIAM QUALLS, Mass. State Police Bomb Squad Commander
SCOTT COHEN, Director of Prevention Education for the Burn Foundation

“NEW JERSEY WEEKEND” 2009 AT NFA SEES RECORD ATTENDANCE-2010 DATES SLATED FOR MAY 22-23

NEW JERSEY WEEKEND: At The National Fire Academy begins Friday evening with check in. The accommodations for the two day Professional Development sessions include single occupancy rooms and Free Wi-Fi Internet access. After completing registration, attendees can gather at the Command Post to discuss with fellow firefighters the next day's classes. Many attendees head into the quiet town of Emmitsburg, which is within walking distance of the NFA campus-like setting for dinner. Ott's is a local favorite for the steak and brew set.



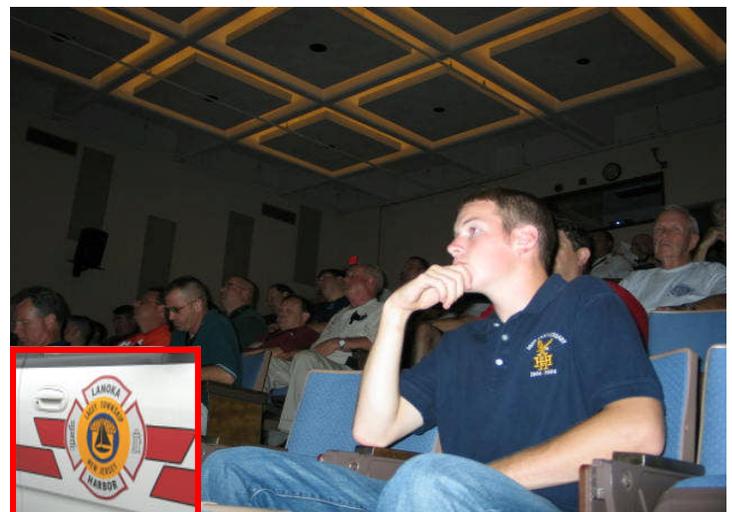
Participants come from all sections of the state and include both career and volunteer firefighter, fire officials, EMTs and anyone associated with the fire service. The courses offered cover every area of professional development, not unlike academies back home.

The setting though is enhanced by the presence of not only the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial, but the Academy's library which contains the most comprehensive collection of fire service research and data in the entire country.



Firefighters of every level of expertise find the Academy to offer something no matter where they may be at in their career. If you are new to the service, the opportunity to hear from “old hands” are plentiful.

Those serious about heeding the advice to firefighters, “Stay Safe, by Staying Well” will be pleased with the Academy's fitness amenities. They include an indoor pool, a fully equipped exercise room and a number of traffic free campus pathways for biking and jogging. Mountain bikes are available first come first served and free.



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New Jersey Division of Fire Safety Director and State Fire Marshal, Lawrence Petrillo welcomes New Jersey Weekend participant's by virtue of a briefing on Division activities upon their behalf.

Heading the Director's remarks was his encouragement to support the adoption by the ICR of a residential sprinkler code requirement for new homes, scheduled for a vote in the fall in nearby Baltimore. Petrillo cited the advocacy for the change upon behalf of the fire service as a gain for the fire safety of civilians and firefighters as well.

Kent Neiswender, Supervisor of Training and Education and New Jersey Weekend On-Site Coordinator addresses the orientation session by announcing the upcoming fall and spring semester courses scheduled for the County fire academies.

Neiswender also noted the rollout of new training materials and the Division's commitment to streamlining the registration process by migrating it to an online procedure.



Though not Zagat rated, the cuisine offered along with heart healthy options, is the order of the day for the three squares served in the Academy dining hall ringed with each state's banner.

The Academy's former role as a Catholic college fully evident here and in the surrounding campus buildings.

The Academy rests in the rolling hills of western Maryland and is about 20 miles south of Gettysburg National Battlefield. The new visitors center there, completed in 2008 is a "must see."

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The hallways throughout the NFA are filled with quiet reminders that the profession is not for the faint of heart and its inherent dangers heighten the need for continuous education and training.



Students are asked to absorb quite a bit of information in a short period of time. Instructor Mike Weber makes a point in class about the importance of fire safety education as part of a firefighter's task.



New Jersey's own Denis O'Neal, is now NFA Superintendent and listens along with the class during a presentation.

The Academy's rise as a center of professional development for the nation's firefighting corps has seen its role enhanced during Dr. O'Neal's tenure.



The Chapel at the National Fire Academy is one of the more enduring structures on campus. Nearby, is a national memorial to Mother Elizabeth Seton (namesake of the University in South Orange), who along with the Sisters of Charity travelled to Gettysburg to aid the wounded during that horrific battle so many summer days ago.

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The Academy has an international component as well as witnessed by these commemorative plaques and banners from the Hong Kong, China Fire Brigade.



The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial shown at a very rare moment with flags at full mast, noting that none had fallen in the line of duty for that day.

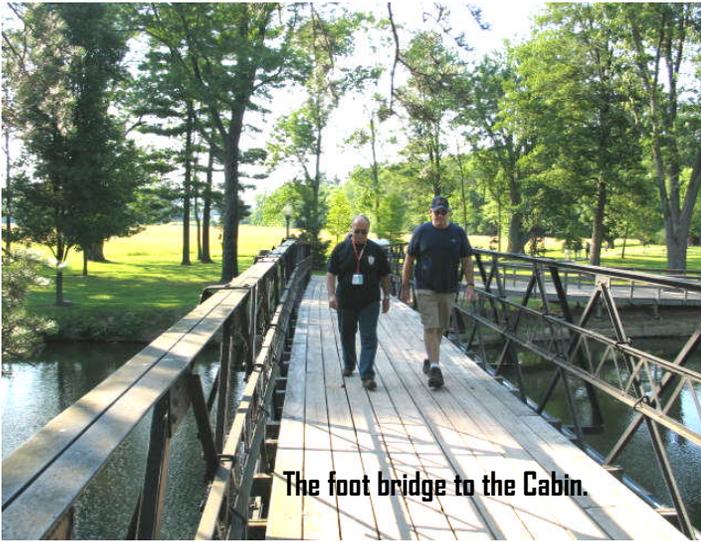


NFA class members in “Methods of Enhancing Fire Safety Education” join Instructor Mike Weber in celebrating the class’ contribution to purchase a commemorative brick in the “Walk of Honor.”



The contribution joins hundreds of others placed in the brick walkways leading to and from the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

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The foot bridge to the Cabin.



It's casual dining outdoors Saturday evening.



The Academy is near many Civil War battlefields.

The focus of New Jersey Weekend is professional development and so is its “collegial” atmosphere allowing attendees to engage in “shop talk.”

Please note that registration for the event fills quickly each year. Look for a posting at the NJDFS website near to the date:

www.state.nj.us/dca/dfs/



USFA VIEWS EMERGENCY VEHICLE VISIBILITY WORTH STUDY: CITING INCREASED ON-DUTY FATALITIES AS CAUSE



The United States Fire Administration (USFA) has partnered with the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) to produce an examination of the ever-increasing threats to the fire and emergency services...roadway fatalities.

The study focused on the science of roadway visibility, and more pointedly, to making emergency response vehicles more visible at the point where they arrive and become stationary at an accident scene.

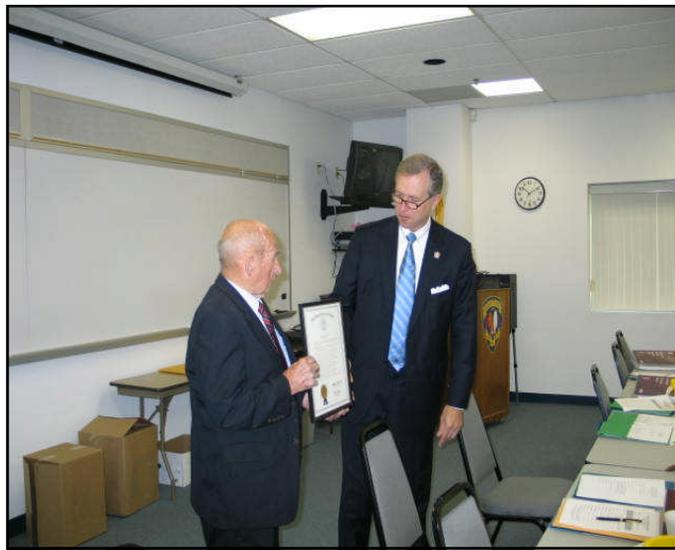
Highlights of the study include an examination of the so-called Brandenburg pattern, which is deployed in Europe as a device for increasing emergency vehicle visibility. Though inconclusive, the pattern's use on emergency vehicles represents just another tool in the emergency response toolkit worth review. The study looks at retro reflective striping, high-visibility paint, passive lighting and passive reflectors attached to the vehicle meant to convey its profile,

To view the study results on line go to: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/research/safety/vehicle.shtm>

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THANK YOU! STATE FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION:

Chairman of the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission and New Jersey Assemblyman John Wisniewski shares with long serving NJ Fire Safety Commissioner, Charles W. Schilling, a New Jersey State Assembly unanimous resolution and a letter of commendation from Governor Jon Corzine, citing the dedication and hard work of the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission for over 25 years.

The Commission, established in 1983 after a rash of rooming house fire fatalities, has served in an advisory capacity to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, and operatively through the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and the State Fire Marshal since then.

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON HOUSING 2009

Division of Fire Safety representatives Charles Lavin and Gregory Kirkham allow conference attendees to hear directly about Division activities from New Jersey Division of Fire Safety Director and State Fire Marshal Lawrence Petrillo on the floor of Conventional Hall in Atlantic City, recently.

The Division joins other Department of Community Affairs representatives at the annual conference. It brings together a broad array of business and community housing interests from all regions of New Jersey.



FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY

Fire Prevention Week 2009

Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned.

National Fire Prevention Week 2009 kicked off with the formal proclamation signed by President Barack Obama. Many departments in the state used the opportunity to reach out to residents in their jurisdiction whether by hosting a school visit, distributing home smoke alarms from the joint NJDFS-WABC-TV "Operation Sav-a-Life" or by adding specific prevention messages to their website or message boards.

Please report back what you may have done in your area by email with [digital photos](#) or [MPEG videos](#) to [Fire Focus](#) and we'll share your efforts with other fire service members state-wide to encourage pursuit of Fire Prevention Week and Fire Safety Month activities. Thanks!

Reply to: fireprevention@dca.state.nj.us

6,000 GALLON-A-MINUTE NEPTUNE UNIT EXERCISE SHOWS COUNTY FREEHOLDER: RESOURCE SHARING A WIN-WIN



(Above Left)... Gloucester Freeholder Jean Dubois gets a firsthand briefing on the Neptune Unit as NJDFS Fire Department Preparedness Unit Supervisor Rich Farletta looks on. Freeholder Dubois expressed her appreciation for the sort of shared resource the Unit provides, not only in budget strapped times but in the case of severe emergencies in the industrial areas that ring the Delaware River in South Jersey.



(Above Left).. New Jersey Division of Fire Safety Director Lawrence Petrillo joins Fire Department Preparedness Unit Supervisor Rich Farletta and Mike Gallagher, Regional Fire Coordinator, for an "After Action" review with Malaga, Verga Gibbstown, National Park, Westville and Mantua Firefighters . Petrillo noted the team's quick deployment and more drills would only increase their proficiency. The Unit is one of two deployed state-wide for heavy duty suppression needs.

TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY HOSTS "LIVE BURN" DEMO PROMOTING RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER ADOPTION BY STATE



FIRE SERVICE OFFICIALS FROM THE ACROSS THE STATE WITNESSED A "LIVE BURN" DEMONSTRATION AT THE TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY. IT WAS HOSTED BY CHIEF JOHN LIGHTBODY OF TOMS RIVER TOWNSHIP, (www.tomsriverfire.org), AND THE NEW JERSEY FIRE SPRINKLER AND PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, (njfppa.org). THE DEMONSTRATION SHOWED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SPRINKLERS DEPLOYED IN SIMILAR ENVIRONMENTS AS A FIRE PREVENTION TOOL.



THE EVIDENCE OF A SPRINKLER'S EFFECTIVENESS... A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING REPRESENTED BY TWO CONTAINERS SIDE BY SIDE. BOTH CONTAINERS HAVE SIMILAR IGNITION POINTS...SEVERAL MINUTES LATER THE CONTAINER ON THE LEFT SHOWS A FULLY INVOLVED STRUCTURAL FIRE..THE CONTAINER ON THE RIGHT HOWEVER SHOWS LITTLE OR NO FIRE DAMAGE AS IT HAS BEEN EQUIPPED WITH A SIMULATED RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER SYSTEM.

SOMERSET PATRIOTS HOST DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY- LOCAL FIRE COMPANY FIRE PREVENTION NIGHT



THE SCOREBOARD SHOWS THE THEME TO ATTENDEES AT THE BALL GAME BETWEEN THE SOMERSET PATRIOTS AND THE NEWARK BEARS.

IT REMINDS FANS TO STOP BY THE INFORMATION BOOTH HOSTED BY NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY PUBLIC EDUCATION UNIT PERSONNEL.

BASEBALL, HOT DOGS AND A CHANCE TO BE NAMED A JUNIOR FIRE MARSHAL, ALL PART OF THE ATTRACTION OF SOMERSET PATRIOTS FIRE SAFETY NIGHT.



CELEBRITY GUESTS AT HOME PLATE BEFORE THE GAME INCLUDE SMOKEY THE BEAR AND SPRINKLERMAN PLUS A TRIBUTE TO LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS.



NEW JERSEY STATE FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

The New Jersey Fire Safety Commission, formed by an act of the New Jersey State Legislature in 1983, guides state fire policy by charter. Since its inception, the state has ranked among those with the lowest instances of fire injury and fatality for civilians and firefighters. Commission membership comprises representatives of the legislature, key industry and state fire service officials. The Commission steers state fire safety policy and procedures in their advisory role for the Commissioner of Community Affairs, through the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

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President's Message September 2009 "So You Want to be Called a Professional"

Professional; expert, specialized, qualified, proficient, skilled, trained, practiced, certified and licensed. While a specific definition of professional can be used to mean someone who receives compensation for work rendered, many of the above synonyms listed can be considered appropriate for career or volunteer firefighters. Perhaps the most important definition of professional is one of Daniel Webster's, suggesting that professional to mean conforming to a professional courtesy or code of conduct appropriate to that profession.

The last line of the above paragraph, in my opinion, separates the amateur from the true professional. The term professional is annually debated at the Wildwood, New Jersey convention of firefighters held each year in the month of September. Career and volunteer firefighters combine to assemble a throng of individuals who both desperately want to be considered and referred to as professionals irrespective of whether or not they receive payment for their role in the fire service. Clearly both can argue that many in their respective ranks are qualified, and skilled and proficient and trained and licensed. Both can certainly argue that at least some form of payment is received, some significantly more than the other, but compensation none the less. But how many from either side can claim that they conduct themselves with a professional courtesy or code of conduct.

In past years at the Wildwood general assembly meeting I have witnessed speakers being treated rudely and the bouncing of beach balls throughout the stands while elected officials addressed the body. I have witnessed laser pointers directed onto the forehead of the associations' president and the outburst of offensive language during the entrance of the Governor of our State whether they were Republican or Democrat. This year, while behavior was marginally better, the abusive language, offensive tee-shirts and rude outbursts were clearly as evident as ever. Sound professional? No it doesn't, because it is not!

I found it extremely ironic that many of the same individuals who grunted and groaned at Governor Corzine's faux pas as he referred to members as either "professional or volunteer" versus the more politically correct "career or volunteer" with the not stated alluding to all firefighters being "professional".

Well the truth is we are not all professionals and it has much less to do with what we earn as it has to do with how we act.

For those who wish to be considered professionals there comes a responsibility to act professionally. Wearing a Maltese cross on your shirt or carrying a membership card to a fire company does not make you a professional. Your actions and your conduct will tell far more about your professionalism than your attachment or affiliation to the fire service. The ridiculous, childish and boorish behavior of a minority of hooligans continues to paint all in attendance at the Wildwood convention with a broad stroke of amateurism. The majority should not stand for it.

There are many ways to protest or disagree with elected officials; rudeness is not one of them. In fact, bad behavior only reaffirms in some minds that the fire service is replete with dimwitted ruffians who have little understanding of civil service or the civility required of public servants. Do those who cowardly yell insults from the stands really believe that their behavior will help advance and address the causes and concerns of the fire service.

The noblest profession must not stand for ignoble behavior. Perhaps the respective Fire Chiefs of Fire Companies should be held responsible for their members wearing of tee shirts that we would not want our daughters to see. My hope is that all FMBA members conduct themselves professionally at all times and convey a message to those in the volunteer ranks who covet the honor of being called "professional" that we will all be judged not by what name we are called but rather by how we speak and act and dress and the courtesy we afford not only our allies but our perceived enemies.

The Fire Service demands respect at all times, I respectfully suggest that every assembly that portends to represent the Fire Service act with the same respect it demands in return.

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Wash your hands more than 20 seconds with hand sanitizer

Stay at home if you are ill

DO NOT return to duty unless you are fever-free for at least 24 hours

Get vaccinated for both seasonal and H1N1 Flu

Firefighter-EMS Health Info:

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BEFORE THE CALL...




Wash hands for at least 20 seconds

Use soap or antimicrobial hand gel

Install hand sanitizer units through the station

Cover your mouth to cough



Do not expectorate



Wear Personal Protection Equipment

Fit tested N95 Respirator

Eye/face cover

Gloves

DURING THE CALL...

Limit patient/personnel contact

Mask patient or provide O2 rebreather

Ventilate patient area

Clean patient area



Wash your hands

DURING THE CALL...




THE SYMPTOMS

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Body aches
- Headaches
- Chills
- Fatigue

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